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Viewpoint

Summertime brings out the wanderlust in all of us. Sunshine and warm days bring dreams of traveling and far away places. Our travelogue theme this month highlights the variety of places where INSCOM personnel live, work and play. Preparing this issue was an education for me. As a newcomer to the command, I hadn't realized how widespread INSCOM is. Visiting our field stations and resident offices is enough to keep anyone busy for many summers to come. See for yourself; join us on an INSCOM travelogue.



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As we go to press...

Lt.Gen. Aaron dies

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Harold R. Aaron, former army assistant chief of staff for intelligence and deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, died April 30 at DeWitt Army hospital, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Funeral services were held at Ft. Myer, Va., May 5 with burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Aaron is survived by his widow, Marianne, seven children, his brother, Donald, his sister, Patricia and two grandchildren.

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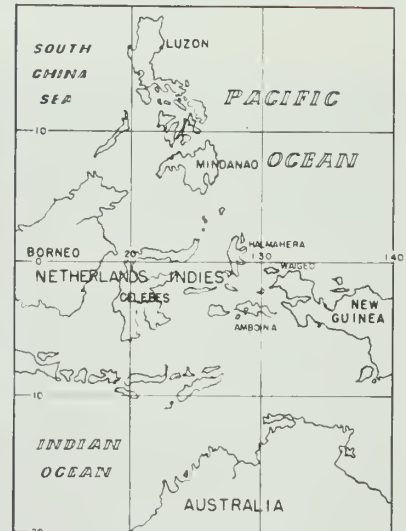


Travel and adventure highlight this month's **Journal**, as our front cover by Gary L. Trollope of Torii Station, Japan, shows. Join the divers of Okinawa on page 13.



Then, when you dry off, come stateside for a tour through our special Travelogue section beginning on page 14. We'll visit such places as Las Vegas, St. Louis, San Antonio and Detroit. One of our stopping places, historic Alexandria, Va., appears on our back cover.

What would summer be without sports? Be sure to read the RecRep section starting on page 26, to catch up on all the latest scores.



While the rest of us are out traveling, some people are coming home. A Signalman's Odyssey concludes this month. Catch the exciting finish of this four part series beginning on page 10

And, of course people. In this issue you'll read about chess players, ballet dancers and a sergeant who collects mice. It's all in your **INSCOM Journal**.

Records repository plays

by Capt. Gary E. Chidester

One of the most important and unique organizations in INSCOM is the Investigative Records Repository (IRR) at Fort Meade, Md. The IRR, along with the Special Acts Office (SAO) and Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office (FOI/P), comprise the U.S. Army Central Security Facility (CSF), a field operating activity assigned to INSCOM under the staff supervision of the deputy chief of staff for counterintelligence.

Although called a records repository, the IRR is not a vast collection of inactive files; it is a clearinghouse and active library that provides worldwide support to the Army CI effort. The IRR is not an investigative agency like the Defense Investigative Service (DIS), nor does it have any responsibility for the evaluation of information for security determination like the Central Personnel Clearance Facility (CCF). The mission of the IRR is to serve as the repository for counterintelligence and security investigative records created by or for the Department of the Army as directed in AR's 380-13 and 381-45. In addition to receiving and maintaining the records, IRR can receive requests for file information and records checks from authorized requesters, review its holdings and reply to requests by furnishing either information, a reproduction, or the hard copy dossier itself. These continuing functions have been performed by the IRR for 29 years.

Established in 1951

Originally established in 1951 as the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility at Fort Holabird, Md.,

the facility replaced a system of maintaining information at 22 locations in the continental United States and overseas. Many additional sets of files have been integrated into the facility as the IRR has grown. The biggest change was in 1973 when the repository began moving from Fort Holabird to Fort Meade. That move was not completed until 1975.

3.6 million files

The IRR currently occupies 28,000 square feet of floor space on three floors of Van Deman Hall. This mammoth area contains more than 3.6 million personality files, the results of personal security investigations of military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense. In addition, the IRR is required by AR 380-13 to maintain files on organizations, groups, activities, and impersonal subjects of intelligence interest to the Department of Defense. The file areas contain 34,263 linear feet of hard copy files and 769 linear feet of microfilm records, or almost 7 miles of files. The IRR receives more than 70,000 daily dossier requests from the file procurement officers of 428 accredited requesting agencies.

Five divisions

The IRR is organized into five divisions:

The Records Processing Division, the IRR's heart and nerve center, handles requests for dossiers. First the division verifies the requester's authority to request files and the reason for the request. Next they check the Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII) to see if the



Joyce Clayborne locates a requested file from the 2.3 million hard copy files. (U.S. Army Photo by Pvt. Laurie Combs)

vital role in INSCOM

requested file is in IRR and where it is located. If there is an IRR file, the third step is to send the request and DCII information to the Files Division. When the requested file is found, the fourth step is to screen the contents for retention, and, if necessary, downgrade the security classification and remove any non-releasable information prior to the file's departure from the IRR. The file is then forwarded to the requester. A receipting system is used for maintaining a continuous accountability record of all IRR files. All dossiers returned from requesters are reviewed for administrative accuracy and to determine if further investigative action is required.

Finding the dossier for processing is the responsibility of the Files Division. File personnel perform all of the IRR file maintenance, with a few exceptions. This maintenance consists of filing, refiling, sorting, searching for and pulling the requested records from 3.6 million total files.

Reviewing new material received by the IRR for retainability is the responsibility of the Supplemental Review Division. Retainable material is either placed in a new dossier or incorporated into an existing IRR file. Last year more than 33,000 new pieces of supplemental material were reviewed and more than 17,000 new dossiers were created from supplemental material. Review personnel also examine all the dossiers returned from requesting agencies which contain additional information before returning them to the shelves. This includes correcting or updating the file computer entry in the DCII if necessary.

Housed in the vault located in the basement of the IRR are approximately 35,000 dossiers which are maintained in a limited access status by the Special Records Division. As directed by AR 381-45, the criteria for determining this special control is either by duty assignment or the file content of a dossier. This division operates as a mini repository within the IRR, performing all file functions related to the limited access "blue folder" dossiers. The division is self-sufficient in that the personnel perform their own dossier filing, pulling, reviewing, releasing and mailing to requesters.

The fifth division, the Files Maintenance Review Division (FMRD), was organized in August 1979 to systematically review the 2.3 million hard copy files for retainability and control under applicable regulations. The elimination of expired files has been a goal since the IRR's inception. Similar projects have been attempted in past years. In 1957 it was called "Sanitization of Dossiers;" and in 1967, "Dossier Reduction Programs." The current project is called the "Purge." The "Purge" consists of eliminating any remaining material that does not meet the criteria of AR 380-13. It is estimated that more than 50 percent of the current file holdings will be deleted by the end of this 12-year review project, the majority because of the age of the files. Reviewers are also identifying and segregating "special" files such as sensitive material requiring vault protection, archive and litiga-

tion material and Industrial Security Clearance Review Office (ISCRO) files. Additionally, reviewers are currently separating investigative and adjudicative material for possible file transfer to DIS and CCF, respectively. The review also includes a total examination of all dossier administrative details and changing entries on the computer cards that will enter the data in the DCII. To aid future file eliminations, reviewers are now placing a retention code on the computer card that will permit the computer to readily identify those files that have reached their retention period and should be deleted because of age. Estimated completion of this review is 1991.

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Janice Pitt of the Records Processing Division prepares files for mailing to requesters. (U.S. Army Photo by Pvt. Laurie Combs)

Vint Hill holds ballet class

by Spec. 4 Geneva Newberry

The little girls pirouetted and toe-stepped into the hearts of parents and observers during a ballet recital held at the end of Vint Hill Farm Station's first youth ballet class.

Organized by Carla Kabaniec of the Dependent Youth Activities Counsel, the class of 13 students aged 5½ to 9½ met every Saturday in the post gym for 10 weeks.

The class was such a success that new ones are being organized. "We're also trying to get a young adult class started for the 13 to 19 age bracket," Kabaniec said.

Lisa Batdorf, the instructor, is a young dance student from Woodbridge, Va. She was located through the Manassas School of Dance, where she is one of the best students.

The recital was really a demonstration class which parents were welcome to attend. "We didn't allow parents to watch the other classes because it makes them nervous," Kabaniec explained.



Students at Vint Hill Practice ballet moves under the supervision of instructor Lisa Batdorf. (U.S. Army Photo)

Don't be a barracks bum

by Mary R. Ker

People assigned to Arlington Hall Station may have a difficult time adjusting to the Washington area. Finding things to do without spending an arm and a leg can be the biggest problem of all.

The best place to start is the Morale Support Activities Office. Their staff is eager and willing to help you to get involved.

They will help you find information for trips, get tickets to your favorite show, or tell you where you can find your favorite craft, sport or hobby right on post.

The Recreation Center also has a lot to offer. Trips to New York City, bingo, rollerskating and ice skating trips and tours of the nation's capital all cost little or no money.

The gymnasium has a weight room, sauna and pool. They also rent camping equipment and sporting goods. The Morale Support Activities Office can give you information and help arrange camping trips.

Judy Max, the morale support officer, says that the program is growing and will be able to offer all stationed at AHS, new and old, activities to make their stay in the D.C. area a rewarding and meaningful tour of duty.

But it doesn't stop there. *Pentagram News*, an MDW publication, gives a list of "freebies" every week and the *Washington Post* has a weekend section in Friday's edition that tells you what is happening in D.C. and the surrounding area.

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Price opens photo exhibition

by Sgt. Jan Bowman

Master Sgt. Warren Price of Field Station Augsburg recently opened his first one man photo show, "A Closer Look," at FSA's New Leaf Gallery. The theme of this show is nature photography, and if it's true that "nature is the best of teachers," then Price is obviously one of her better students.

Price spent his youth roaming the woods and riverbottoms around Memphis, Tenn., hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoor life. Early in his Army career he became interested in photography, but this interest did not become serious until 1977. That year his wife gave him two birthday presents, a Nikon camera and some encouraging words. Since then his talent has bloomed.

The synthesis of Price's longtime love of nature and his new found

photographic talents was a smooth one. His work displays his keen appreciation for the beauty of the fields and the quiet places of the wilderness. The photographs share a common theme, an appreciation for beauty found during a close study of nature. His flower photographs, which predominate in his show, are extreme closeups giving full emphasis to the delicacy, color and pattern of each bloom. His landscapes tend toward mood shots of placid woodland ponds and softly rushing mountain streams. Overall, his work is a quiet celebration of nature at its most untouched.

Local college courses served as the core for Price's formal photographic training. However, when Harford Community College closed its local branch he resorted to independent

study to further his education. Price credits Georg Baur of the local Recreation Center with being his most influential tutor. "Georg has the unique ability to criticize without condemning. His encouragement and patient lessons in printing technique kept me going through some pretty discouraging exposures," Price said.

His future plans include completing his degree in photography and possibly becoming a professional photographer after retirement. Several publishers have already displayed an interest in his work. With that combination of talent, encouragement, and inspiration, how can he help but succeed? After all, who could have a better promoter than Mother Nature?



Master Sgt. Warren Price (left) discusses photo equipment with Georg Baur. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Jan Bowman)

INSCOMers sponsor refugees

by Mary R. Ker

Many of us have watched the helpless suffering of thousands of Cambodian refugees. Paul D. Sutton, a member of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at INSCOM, his wife Joan, Nan Hotchner and several other concerned citizens from St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Fairfax, Va., decided to do something about it.

After hearing about a fellow member of the church who had sponsored a Vietnamese family, they decided they too would like to sponsor a family, a Cambodian family.

The story of the Prang family began in May 1979 when the group formed a committee to bring a refugee family to the United States and give them a new life.

In early July the Prangs arrived in Washington, D.C. They were in a country they had never heard of, seeing and experiencing things they had never seen.

While in Cambodia, Dao Prang was both a farmer and a fisherman. His farming was just sufficient to feed his family. Transportation was simple. The family either walked or rode in an ox cart. Trips to town were few and far between. The nearest town in Cambodia was about a day away and they only went there to get sugar, salt and clothing.

The constant threats made upon their lives by the communists were the prime reason the Prangs made the decision to leave Cambodia. But, in fleeing the country they could no longer live in, Prang, Khak, his eldest son, Kien, 14, and Lon, 9, lost their mother and another son. They still don't know if they are alive or dead.

The Prangs, like many thousands of other Cambodians, found refuge in Thailand. After two years in a refu-

gee camp, and after nearly accepting Thailand as their new home, they found themselves on a plane bound for the United States.

Mrs. Sutton said that the family was afraid to drink the water they were offered because they had never seen ice before. Prang explained through an interpreter that, throughout the plane trip, he often had to cover his eyes because he was afraid.

When they arrived the group found them a home, provided them with food and clothing and enrolled the children in school, but they still had a long way to go.

The Prangs, explained Mrs. Sutton, had to learn many things that we take for granted as part of our daily routine. They had to learn how to open a door and use a key to unlock it, to use lights and light switches, refrigerators, stoves and showers. All were new to them.

They had more difficulties than some Cambodians who have resettled in the U.S. because they were unfamiliar with the language, the way of life and with Western society.

The Prangs, according to Sutton, are at this time financially self-sufficient and enrolled in English classes. The younger children Kien and Lon are both enrolled in school and the Suttons are considering sponsoring another Cambodian family.

"The Catholic group that told us how to go about sponsoring a Cambodian family said they sponsor approximately 2,000 families a year. Almost all of these families at the end of one year are totally self-sufficient in every respect and less than 2 or 3 percent receive any assistance from state or federal agencies," Sutton explained.

New rules For travelers

There are some new rules for travelers who want to rent a car while on official business. The new *Federal Supply Schedule, Industrial Group 751 Motor Vehicle Rental* pamphlet was issued in February.

This pamphlet has three changes that will make the rental process easier. First, instead of trying to figure your cost on a percentage basis, you can look it up in the listings provided in the pamphlet. Rates are given by state, city, type of vehicle and duration of rental.

Under the old system, GSA's car rentals were handled by ten different regions. Now travelers will only have to deal with one. The entire operation has been consolidated.

Finally, when you rent a car, you will no longer be required to purchase insurance. Under the new regulation, the contractor assumes liability for the vehicle.

Your local travel officer has all the information and can answer any questions you may have about these changes.



Sgt. Elizabeth Ann Barton and friends. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul D. Holman)

Barton enjoys collecting mice

by: Oleta B. Tinnin

IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE
YOUR MICE AGAIN, GET \$1.50
IN UNMARKED COINS. WE'LL
CONTACT YOU LATER ON FOR
THE DROP-OFF. CALL THE MP'S
AND YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR
MICE AGAIN!

AN ANONYMOUS FRIEND

Have you ever heard of a fish story? Well, this is a mouse story. Sgt. Elizabeth Ann (Betsy/Mouse) Barton, of Detachment C, 470th Military Intelligence Group, Panama, has been collecting mice for about five years. She wouldn't hazard a guess as to what the current market value might be, but estimated that at the present time she has about 70 of them. Asked how she began this unusual collection, she explained that it all started with a mouse her grandfather gave to her mother years ago and which she in time passed on to her daughter.

The most remarkable item in her collection according to Barton is the mouse tattoo on her shoulder (acquired during her tour here in Panama). Her choice of an item—cost no object—to add to her collection would be a gold mouse, "because his value would increase in a very short time."

Perhaps the most unusual incident of her collecting career was when two of her friends held her mice for ransom. "I came into my room one afternoon and they were gone," she recalled. "The only thing on the dresser where I kept them was a kidnap note! I cut off all economic aid, and they finally gave in—after two days of captivity. But

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Drew plans artistic career

There are about as many different hobbies as there are soldiers in the Army. Few people, though, can turn their pastimes into a career.

Spec. 4 James L. Drew of Field Station Augsburg may be one of the lucky ones.

Drew, who came to Augsburg in 1978, has been painting for three years. He paints a variety of subjects in styles that range from naturalistic to surrealistic.

"Pure idea has to be captured as quickly as possible on canvas," he'll tell you. Drew paints according to his own taste and tries to avoid subjects that restrict his creativity. The success of this philosophy is evident throughout the field station. His murals adorn the walls of his battalion and he recently displayed his work in the recreation center at Sheridan Kaserne.

After his tour, Drew plans to return home to New Hampshire to visit his parents and attend art school. "I could foresee a career in graphic design very easily. I would also like to look into some art galleries," he explained.

When he's not painting, Drew enjoys the outdoors, music, travel and photography. —Sgt. Dan Melvin



Spec. 4 James L. Drew poses with one of his paintings. The full size version appears on the wall behind him. (U.S. Army Photo)

D.C. activities, cont'd.

If transportation is a problem, Metrobuses cover the area. You can pick up a schedule and get tickets through MSO or take the Department of Defense bus to the Pentagon and buy your tickets there.

The Metrorail subway system is another good way of getting around.

The Pentagon has ticket booths for shows, a Metro ticket office with schedules and routes and information about travel and Amtrak.

The Smithsonian Institution has tours, lectures and special events. They also offer some very exciting and

interesting trips that can take you all over the country and even all over the world. These trips, of course, are expensive, but prices are reduced if you are a member of the Smithsonian Associates. The best thing, however, that the Smithsonian has to offer is the Smithsonian itself.

One of the tours offered by the Smithsonian will take you back to the days of George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Arlington House, the home of Robert E. Lee, is located on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. Walking tours of Alexandria, the Navy Yard, Octagon House and the Library of Congress can make a tour of Washington very exciting and educational.

Finding things to do in Washington can be fun and challenging. Don't let yourself become a "barracks bum."

Biking can make summer fun

by David Porter

The mention of adult cycletouring and American Youth Hostels (AYH) in a group of bicycle cognoscenti evokes a curious mixture of plaintive glances and silent compassion. Obviously you can't afford better. Further discussion conjures up stereotyped mental pictures of touring with the "milk-and-cookies" set—bedchecks, peanut butter sandwiches, and separate-but-equal dormitory sleeping arrangements. Truth in some cases—fiction in others.

Disclaimers aside, one irrefutable fact remains. AYH has been in operation a long time providing economical bike touring to a lot of folks who otherwise could not have made the trip. This is true of AYH today. Solid, no-frills adventure at a rock-bottom price.

AYH is now tailoring 25 percent of all its trips to adult interests. An increasing awareness of the changing vacation market is reflected in their latest trip brochure, *1980 Highroad to Adventure* (AYH National Headquarters, Delaplane, Va. 22025). Trips to many areas of the U.S. and Europe, as well as Tahiti, are described in this 35-page booklet.

For those with more modest touring ambitions, give the Potomac Area Council of AYH a try. Each year AYH Washington runs popular hostel trips around Cape Cod, Mass. These are excellent for beginners and are suitable



Mouse story, cont'd.

my mice were treated OK while being held." Barton's most lucrative supply sources have been gift shops, mouse holes, mouse traps and treadmills—which might lead the uninitiated to feel that she must have done some kidnapping or hijacking herself. But those who have seen her collection and know they are constructed of 100 percent non-animal materials realize that this is just a sample of her "mouse humor."

What advice would she give to a novice who wishes to begin such a collection? "Buy lots of cheese!" Barton claims the only problem involved in having such a large collection of mice is her kitten, Agatha.

She has progressed so far into mice collecting that she has begun manufacturing them on her own. "I made one and named it after a friend with a large nose."

The size of her mice varies. Her largest mouse, Fred, is four feet tall, while Teeny, the smallest, is only two centimeters long. Naturally, being a fond patron to her entire menagerie, she has no favorites among them. But if she had one, she thinks it would be CM (Christmas Mouse), a gift from her sister in 1975.

Barton's greatest aspiration is "to catch the mouse that roared—but I have had no luck as of this writing."

for perfecting a budding touring technique. This season the Potomac Area Council is also sponsoring a tour to Pennsylvania Dutch country. As adjuncts, bicycle maintenance and touring workshops are regularly scheduled. Weekend events are published in the council's bi-monthly newsletter, *Come Hosting*; while extended summer trips are announced via the free brochure, *The Outdoor Experience*. Write or call Dave French, Potomac Area Council AYH, 1520 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, for the information you need.

Each year AYH interviews, trains and certifies a select number of applicants as bicycle tour leaders. Enrollees who complete the course become eligible for tourleading duties with AYH for which they are paid expenses and a \$4 daily stipend.

A good hosting experience is largely dependent on one's integration into a mobile group of 8-12 diverse personalities. Don't expect attractive financial considerations to completely transcend variable conditions of privacy, comfort, convenience and time. If you find through introspection that your personal creature comforts are non-negotiable, then most probably hosting is not the answer—you will be unhappy. On the other hand, through group interaction you may find out things about yourself that you never expected. Inquire! Hosting information is not kept secret and the no-nonsense approach could be the difference between staying home or a bike touring experience this summer.

Signalman's Odyssey: part IV

by the INSCOM Historical Office

A sudden gust of wind twice caught us unawares, lifted one outrigger balance-pole off the water and nearly had us turned turtle. Immediately, four of us dove along the catwalk, threw our hanging weights onto the poles and, just in time, brought the boat on keel. The one sand bag we'd brought for ballast apparently wasn't enough.

In dry weather, we slept on deck, on the catwalks and on top of the cabin, but we got only snatches of rest when it rained continuously. Our limbs soon became cramped as we huddled along the windward side of the boat. That was when the gin came in handy—shades of a bar-room lassie, one bottle was a mighty slim amount!

Menu de Luxe

An empty 5-gallon tin can with a sand bottom served as our stove. Usually, we wasted several precious matches before getting a fire going

out of the "bolo" split firewood. Breakfast consisted of steamed porridge and milk, sans sugar; the evening meal, of more steamed rice or mungo beans, some corned beef or fish and tea. Coconuts were our afternoon snacks. Water was rationed a canteen-full a day.

Max would add a fish or two to our diet now and then, by diving from the edge of the catwalk, slashing his prey in two and retrieving the halves at the stern crossbeam. One lucky day, I was able to add to our larder. Having tossed a feathered hook and line into a school of fish, I joined the fish-storytellers' club when I caught eight 6-pound tuna in less than 2 minutes!

Twice, schools of whales passed near us. Twenty-foot sharks provided us with frightening anxiety. (I estimated them at 20 feet, for they stretched from the catwalk back to the rudder.) These sharks would follow the tuna which in turn were following smaller fish which were follow-

ing us. Often, when a shark lunged for a tuna, he smacked his huge tail fins against the stern planks, threatening to spring leaks. We stopped their antics by shooting a couple; then the others would lay back at the scent of blood, making short work of the wounded ones.

Another phenomenon was an enormous waterspout which appeared one day a quarter-mile away—heading straight toward us. Much to our relief, it suddenly changed direction and spiraled off.

When the boat was making no headway under battened down sails, we'd talk and joke, especially about our experiences during the long journey across Mindanao. It now seemed far away, but we still remembered—how Malaybalay looked after the Japanese bombings, how Valencia was bombed and strafed after being a "secret" air base so long and how we nearly drowned in the turbulent Pulangi and other rivers. The cry had been "On to Walo!" where we saw Rhen. We wondered what had become of Gill and him—did they stay in the hills, or were they prisoners of the Japanese?

The mountain ranges seemed insurmountable, but we passed them safely. We thought of the rivers we had had to cross, the Cagayan swamps, and knew that we had made it; and though things still looked pretty rugged we said, "We'll get through this, too."

Now and then, we SIGINTers talked about how the 2nd Signal Service was started back in 1939. It seemed a long time, but we had come up from raw operators, had seen it grow and were now in a position to hold key jobs when U.S. Signal Intelligence undertook a mission far bigger than anything it had done up to now—if only we could get ourselves to one of those large-scale intercept locations we imagined must be springing up in Australia.

When George and Biss asked us



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what kind of work we did, we hemmed and hawed for a time but eventually let them have a few stories of general incidents in our work. Biss was as skeptical as the Air Corps itself had been when our detachment told them of the intended bombings over Manila and Cavite. He couldn't understand how interception of recon plane traffic enabled us to warn his own branch of danger. Naturally, we couldn't give them the working details—which would probably have been over their heads anyhow. George, too, looked doubtful when we told about the results of SI work. Perhaps he thought we were exaggerating our exploits, or maybe he just didn't like our not telling him how we did it.

We were only three weeks out, but our health wasn't the best. The situation reminded me of the endowment of cripples that a baseball team receives halfway through the season. Stein was on his feet but still groggy. Kapp, feeling worse, had only a few drops of gin left in the bottle. The

sum total of our medicine kit was a dozen quinine tablets—and of what use were they in an open seal! No mossies yet, thank Heaven!

Each of us still sported body sores from our Mindanao leech friends. The salt-stinging sores leaked and spread. I can't believe we actually had scurvy, but we did have bleeding gums, cracked lips and dry mouth sores. Every scratch or break in the skin soon became infected. When our soaked suntans clung stickily to our backs and legs, the sores started spreading. Our eyes were slightly inflamed, probably due to both lack of vitamins and constant glare of the sun. Even our buttocks had sores from sitting on the hard, wet planks. Nonetheless, there was one part of our aching and tired bodies that wasn't ailing—the soles of our feet; they were calloused and as hard as leather.

Southward We Go

We were glad our shoes had worn out by hiking through Mindanao. Now thumps on spikes or rubbing on

bamboo and rattan edges didn't bother our feet at all. We would stretch our feet and legs on the catwalk—and compare them, humorously, as to who had the toughest pair of soles.

As far as clothing goes, each of us had a suntan shirt and trousers. I owned an extra tattered, short-sleeved khaki shirt and my old orange-trimmed Signal Corps cap. Lindahl had a raincoat, but the rainproofing had worn off. We each had a billfold or pocketbook holding a few souvenirs, Filipino coins, snapshots of Stateside girl friends, a family picture and the remaining 13 pesos of Kapp's winnings from the Corregidor poker marathon. Stein still sported his high school ring. Biss contributed to our navigation equipment with a patched-up wrist watch which ran long enough, intermittently, to tell us when the tricks ended. Except for my .45 automatic, my most precious possession was a GI blanket which I had kept with me for almost three-and-a-half years.

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Driving's different in England

"All you recruits bend over and pick up a rock with your right hand. The other hand is called your left hand. When I order a left turn, you WILL move in the direction of your empty hand. OK, you new guys, HUH—TENT-HUT!" Words familiar to all basic trainees since the time of Caesar's conquests.

If only we could, in a polite way, make every American driver in the United Kingdom mentally paint his left hand green, we could save 50 percent of our driving troubles. For this is the land of the wrongside driving.

Those who have been driving in the U.K. for several years have found the experience to be fun and frustrating, enjoyable and hard work, safe and dangerous. Driving in the U.K. is an ever-changing challenge that fluctuates from extreme to Extreme Uncion. Why? Let's look at some of the challenges that face the American driver in the British Isles.

English roads are not the superhighways of America. Most roads are either two or three lanes. They are shared by all manner of vehicles from the hay wagon to the super diesel. These roads are usually winding, have numerous blind corners and pass through hedgerowed fields that limit forward vision.

It is not at all uncommon to crest a hill at 50 mph and find a farm trailer turning into a field. To add spice to the game, the English have kept the bridges built by the

Romans for their chariots. Therefore, the three-lane roads narrow in a hurry to become one-lane roads. The English have compensated for their roads by driving small cars. But when Americans bring their "Yank Tanks" into the country, they are in trouble.

A round-about in America is a playground fixture for kids. In the U.K. it is a traffic circle. For the experienced driver, it's the quickest way to keep traffic moving at an intersection. Rules of the road in the U.K. call for the driver in the circle to have the right of way. Once in the circle, the only problem is getting to the outside lane to make the proper exit. It may require one or more complete circles for the unwary.

English weather, to the nonacclimatized, is continual rain, fog, sleet and ice, broken only by an occasional glimpse of the sun. It means that most driving will be done on varying degrees of slick roads. Bald tires have no place on English roads, or on your car for that matter.

Drinking and driving is a "no-no" in the U.K. Many Americans have contributed to the Queen's Treasury because they didn't believe that the British Police have an effective alcohol monitoring program. More important, too many Americans have been killed trying to beat the system.

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FSA chess masters are no pawns

story and photo by Sgt Jan Bowman

First Operations Battalion, FS Augsburg, is uncommonly lucky when it comes to chess because it has not one, not two, but three top-flight chess players—Sgt. Ron Phillips, Spec. 4 Greg Dudek and Spec. 4 Mike Fletcher.

Phillips is the “old man” of the 1st Ops’ chess triad. He was first attracted to chess in college and it has played a very central role in his life ever since. At present, he is rated 1,891 on a scale on which 2,000 equals Expert and 2,200 equals Master. After his publicized bout with Boris Spassky, Ron has played in several local tourneys, including the USAREUR Competition in Mannheim (where he placed second) and the Augsburg German-American Tournament last September (where he placed first).

Phillips is now planning to retire from active competition. He will soon be leaving FSA for Computer Programming School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., where he plans to concentrate his energies on his family, his AIT and his artistic pursuits.

Dudek, the second chess player of our trio, first became interested in the game during his junior year in high school when he wandered into a chess club meeting. Before the end of his senior year, he had already graduated from club bouts to his first Arizona-wide tournament. His goal to improve his chess skills was temporarily shelved by Army basic training and later by academic

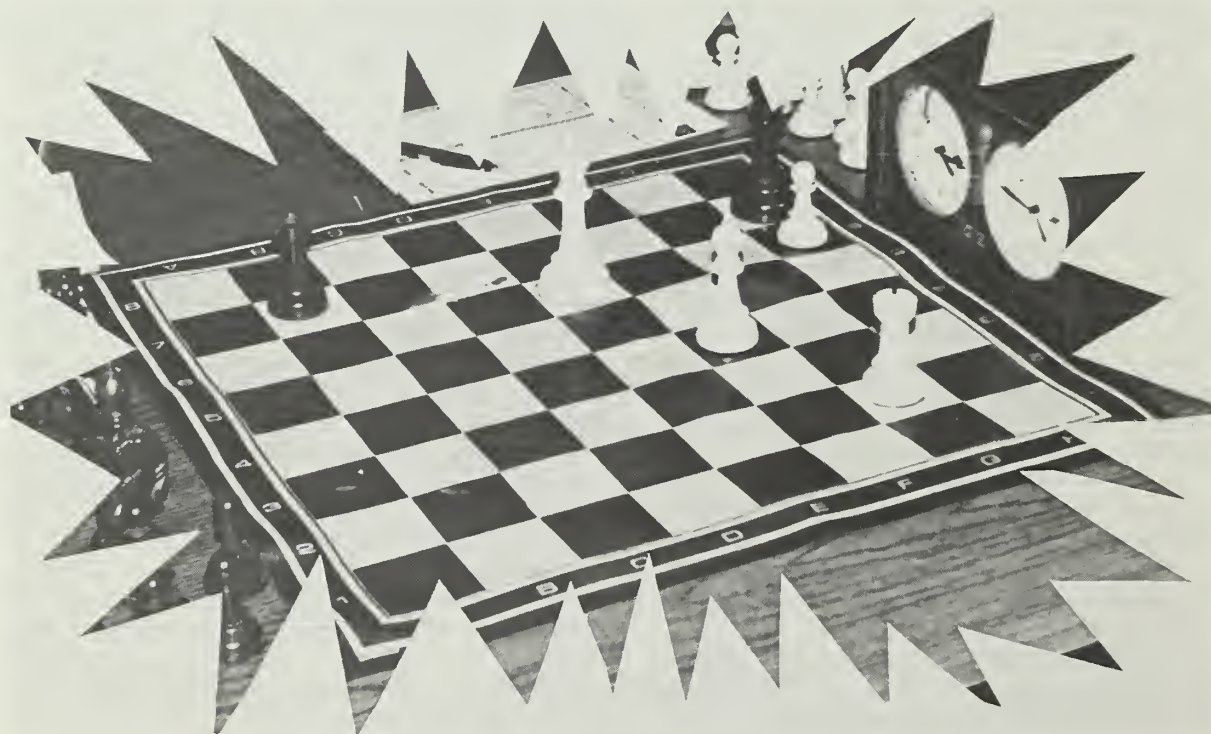
pursuits at the Defense Language Institute. However, since being assigned to FSA, he has been making up for lost time. His present rating is Expert, just below Master standing.

September 1979 found him at Fort Meade, Md., for the Army Chess Competition, where he qualified for the All-Army Team. He also played in the Armed Forces Chess Championship in Washington. His latest match was the U.S. Amateur Chess Competition in New Jersey in February. “We started out well, but we only took 3½ out of 6,” he ruefully admitted. The team did, however, finish in the top 20 and Dudek anticipates a rapid recovery from this minor setback.

Fletcher is 1st Op’s newest chess arrival. Late of Fort Devens, Mass., he started his tour by holding a simultaneous chess exhibition at the local recreation center. He played 14 opponents at the same time. The final outcome: 12 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss.

Fletcher, who currently holds a rating of Master, also competed in the U.S. Amateur Games in February. There’s no doubt that FSA will witness many chess victories added to his record before his tour here ends.

So, if you’re in the market for a challenging game of chess, consider 1st Ops Bn. We might just be able to oblige you.



(U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Jan Bowman)



A group of Torii Divers Association members held an underwater Easter egg hunt this year. (U.S. Army Photo)

Okinawans enjoy diving

by Spec. 4 Krys Secrest

"Me . . . dive? Are you kidding? I've heard about those oceanic monsters and the undercurrents around Okinawa! You couldn't pay me to scuba dive here!"

Fish stories about the dangers of scuba diving seem to thrive on Okinawa. But it's just this attitude that Army Staff Sgt. William W. Moore Jr. is trying to change. A certified open-water diving instructor, Moore is the president of the Army-sponsored Torii Divers Association.

"In the basic scuba courses, students are taught how to use their equipment safely," said Moore. "One of my goals as an instructor is to help them continue training at a higher level."

Moore claims that the scuba courses taught on Okinawa are more in-depth than those given in the states. Okinawa Scuba Council directives and the National Certifying Diving Agency all govern class content.

Subjects taught in the course include oceanography, physics, navigation, physiology, and first aid. In order to graduate, students are required to make five ocean dives

with their equipment.

Moore has been diving for about three and a half years. After experimenting with snorkeling, he decided to take up diving and purchased some secondhand equipment. Because the equipment wasn't right for open-water diving, Moore said he had some frightening experiences. He said he's determined not to let other divers be so careless.

Both Moore's diving students and friends refer to him as "Sensei." In Japanese, Sensei is used as an honorary title, which in this case means teacher. In addition to his normal duties at Torii Station, Moore is often requested to lecture and give training sessions at several locations on the island.

The association often schedules diving activities for certified divers. While diving, members may collect shells or take underwater photographs. Others just enjoy observing the marine life and underwater formations. Moore believes the waters around Okinawa offer some of the best diving opportunities in the world.

Travelogue



Welcome to the world of INSCOM. This month, come with us and visit some of the fascinating places where our people work and play. Our travelogue begins where our nation began, in New England . . .

"Where once the embattled farmer stood . . ." Famous Minute Man statue at the foot of Concord Bridge. (U.S. Army Photo)



Farmstead in town of Harvard, Massachusetts. (U.S. Army Photo)

History and New England are synonymous. Assignment to the Fort Devens Resident Office (FDRO) 902nd MI Group in Massachusetts places you in the center of one of the most historic regions in the United States. New Englanders are fiercely proud of their past, and have been successful in keeping it alive today.

Glimpses of that past era are all around. The old cemeteries are full of stark and sometimes poignant comments on family life and death. Gracious colonial homes and farmsteads reflect their builders' determination to create functional yet aesthetically pleasing structures which would stand the test of time. Proud town meeting houses overlooking village commons are still used each spring by the town residents as a place to debate and vote on the matters that affect their day-to-day lives. In addition, there are many relics and monuments of key events in our country's early history. Boston abounds with these reminders of the past. The USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") is moored just below the monument which marks the Bunker Hill battlefield, and the Old North Church is still standing in the heavily built-up North End of Boston. The battlefields of Lexington and Concord mark the origin of our country as an independent nation where the Minute Men received their simple orders and stood their ground in the field across from Concord Bridge.

It is impossible for those assigned to FDRO to live in New England without gaining a deeper appreciation and respect for our ancestors and for the country they created.



Meeting house at Harvard. (U.S. Army Photo)



Concord Bridge recreated as it appeared in 1775. (U.S. Army Photo)

Find adventure in St. Louis

by Brian J. Finan

As the Gateway City and transportation hub of mid America, St. Louis has a long tradition of offering the utmost in living and working environments. Join with the St. Louis 902nd Military Intelligence Group family for a look at one of the premier Army assignments in the United States.

The spirit of St. Louis is reflected in the sparkling architecture of the city's skyline. The Gateway Arch, a 630-foot metal structure resembling a giant McDonald's restaurant arch, was built to commemorate the role St. Louis played in our epic surge westward and to honor those soldiers and pioneers, from Lewis and Clark to the homesteaders, who moved the national boundaries to the Pacific. The arch is also an affirmation of the future of America's heartland and to modern man's own pioneering accomplishments.

St. Louis has the most diversified economy of any major U.S. city. Shoes, aircraft, beer, automobiles, chemicals, and clothing are all made and traded in the city. St. Louis has the cultural and educational interests of the East and the industry of the north. For generations the city has been a center for cultural activities and education

west of the Mississippi. Today 26 institutions of higher learning thrive in the St. Louis area and its symphony is the second oldest in the nation. In St. Louis you'll find the hospitality, style, and sense of history of the South. Steamboats moving on the mighty Mississippi created strong ties between St. Louis and the southern ports of Memphis, Vicksburg, and New Orleans. Up the river came jazz, ragtime, French and seafood cuisine, all still enjoyed in St. Louis today.

St. Louis and its 902nd MI Group Resident Office have the spirit of adventure, discovery, determination and progress born of the Westward experience. Since the 1840's, when daredevils were making balloon ascensions, St. Louis has been fascinated with air and space travel. When Charles Linbergh, supported by a group of St. Louis businessmen, made his non-stop solo flight from New York to Paris, the city was established as an aircraft center. It is not surprising, therefore, that the first spacecrafts to carry American astronauts beyond the earth were built in St. Louis. Today two major aviation-oriented commands are located in the St. Louis area, the U.S. Army Aviation Research and Development Command (AVRADCOM) and the Troop Support and Aviation Materiel Readiness Command (TSARCOM).



The Gateway Arch is the symbol of modern St. Louis. (U.S. Army Photo)

With the aviation research and development program must come a strong security program for the protection of sensitive information on development and testing. This is where the St. Louis Resident Office comes in. Operations Security (OPSEC) support of the myriad projects and activities is the main function of the office. Some of its more important projects are the protection of information about the new Advanced Attack Helicopter and several items of aircraft survivability equipment. Along with this, St. Louis was the first location to participate in the development of Fort Sam Houston's CI/SIGSEC Battalion's multi-disciplined technical survey of TSARCOM'S ADP/Comm Center/SSO facility.

St. Louis offers many diversions for your off-duty hours, too. For family fun there is Six Flags Over Mid America, a huge amusement park with rides and loads of fun for all ages. You can also visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Museums of Science and Westward Expansion, the Anheiser-Busch Brewery, Silver Dollar City and many, many more interesting sites and activities.

The Resident Office has as its responsibility the entire state of Minnesota, the state of Iowa, minus 25 counties in the west, 15 counties in eastern Missouri and seven counties in western Illinois. Its work in protecting the security of valuable equipment not yet fielded has proven to the R&D community that military intelligence is indeed a part of the life cycle of projects currently being developed. OPSEC has been incorporated into the initial planning stages of new projects not only within the Army but by their civilian contractor associates as well.

The St. Louis Resident Office is proud of its past accomplishments within the growing dimensions of OPSEC support, but it is also aware of the expansion potential to new areas not formerly associated with receiving OPSEC support. Fresh ideas and approaches to operational security support is the key to unlocking the doors of future development inhibitions toward security and intelligence. We invite you to explore and enjoy with us the spirit of St. Louis and its Army community.

Records, cont'd.

Future projects

IRR views the future with a look at the past. Since 1951, IRR has progressed from a repository of files stored in locker boxes and manila folders to the current organized functional file system. To continue to improve service to requesters, IRR must pursue methods to modernize the current system. The completion of the "Purge" will provide IRR with a 100 percent total control file index listing in the DCII. This achievement will be the basis for additional records management improvements. At present, studies are being conducted in IRR to determine the feasibility of microfilming files and the advantages that word processing can provide for records management. IRR is committed to examine any future improvements that will provide a better means of accomplishing the mission of providing worldwide support to the Army counterintelligence effort.

Fort Sam Houston: Gateway to San Antonio

Fort Sam Houston, located in San Antonio, Texas, has been a popular assignment for military personnel since its establishment in 1898. San Antonio's rich Spanish culture, excellent colleges and many forms of entertainment will keep your off-duty time completely filled for a full tour of duty and more.

Whether you choose to live on post or off, San Antonio is a great place to raise and educate children. The Fort Sam Houston school system is one of the finest, most progressive systems in the military, and the civilian school systems in the city also have excellent reputations. There are several parks in San Antonio, one adjacent to the zoo. Fort Sam Houston has an active dependent youth activity program that provides recreational opportunities for dependent youth on a year-round basis. At Fort Lake, about an hour's drive north on I-35, you can swim, boat, water-ski, picnic, or camp overnight, and, with a reservation, even rent a trailer large enough for a whole family. There is an active scouting program at Fort Sam, both for boys and girls.

Housing at Fort Sam Houston is excellent. Waiting times for quarters vary in accordance with the Army norm, the flow of student classes at the Academy of Health Sciences and, of course, the time of the year. If you prefer to live on the economy, San Antonio is a good place to buy a house. Housing investments have appreciated rather significantly in this area in recent years. The cost of housing runs the total gamut, from being a bargain to being slightly outrageous. All this depends on the location, the more expensive areas being in the northwest and northeast.

Adult recreation is plentiful in San Antonio. The city has a professional basketball team, a minor league baseball team, rodeos for the Western enthusiasts, its own 70-piece symphony orchestra, a dinner playhouse, countless theaters, and restaurants that rival those anywhere in the country. The city is dotted with large shopping malls. Fort Sam Houston, one of the five large military bases in San Antonio, is nearing completion of the expansion of its main exchange. Once completed, it will be the world's largest.

Most people are familiar with the history of San Antonio. The Alamo is still preserved and lies in close proximity to the River Walk and Hemisfair Plaza. One of the first sights you see approaching San Antonio is the Plaza's Tower of the Americas. There are also several historic missions in the city, most of them still in use. The San Antonio River Walk has had national news coverage.

Catholicism is the city's predominant religion, but you can find nearly every denominational assembly that exists. The Fort Sam Houston chapel program is active, broad based, and multid denominational.

An assignment to the Fort Sam Houston Field Office will prove to be both demanding and rewarding. The mission of the 902nd MI Group is alive, well and actively pursued. The combination of work and available recreation makes this one of the choice assignments in CONUS.

Take a gamble on Las Vegas

by Bob Smith

Bright lights, live entertainment and gambling all come to mind when "Las Vegas" is mentioned. The lure of gaming and the best entertainment in the world has made Las Vegas the "Entertainment Capital of the World."

This Disneyland for adults has it all. There are 24 hotels and casinos featuring top stars, lavish multimillion-dollar stage productions, burlesque, circus acts, big name music groups, and a varied menu of country and western favorites. Hotels and casinos also offer everything from \$1.95 buffets to championship golf and boxing.

Though few realize it, Las Vegas has more to offer than stars and glitter. For the sportsman, southern Nevada is a paradise. Just 25 minutes away, Lake Mead offers fishing, water skiing and camping. Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Catfish and Bluegill are found in every part of this 250-square-mile reservoir which has no closed season for fishing. Marinas, campgrounds and picnic areas are located throughout the scenic Lake Mead Recreation Area.

Deer hunting is the most popular big game sport with mountain sheep a close second. Dove, quail and pheasant are among the upland birds available for hunting. Snow skiing is a favorite pastime for most Las Vegas residents from November through March. The nearest ski lodge is an hour's drive from downtown.

For the sightseer or photographer, Las Vegas is a gateway to pleasure. Hoover Dam, the modern engineering

wonder which forms Lake Mead on the Colorado River, is visited by thousands each year. Three national parks, Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon, are all within short driving distance.

For the historian, southern Nevada offers ghost towns, abandoned gold and silver mines, and Western folklore.

It's no wonder, then, that many servicemen and civil servants find Las Vegas attractive from an assignment or retirement point of view. In addition to the abundant recreational activities, the lack of a state income tax, the dry climate, and the unique government facilities provide an enjoyable professional and social atmosphere.

Nellis Air Force Base, "Home of the Fighter Pilot," is located at the northeast tip of Las Vegas. Nellis is also the home of the Air Force's aerobatic flight team, the Thunderbirds. The most advanced U.S. fighter aircraft can be viewed flying into Nellis at any given time.

The most prominent government facility near Las Vegas is the U.S. Department of Energy's Nevada Nuclear Test Site. Both atmospheric and underground nuclear tests have been conducted at the Nevada Test Site since the early 1950s. In more recent years, however, testing has been confined to underground tests only. The Nevada Test Site Resident Office of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group's Counterintelligence Detachment, Defense Nuclear Agency, supports the nuclear testing efforts of the agency at the test site.

Abundant recreational activities, scenic areas, history, and unique facilities and assignments—Las Vegas has it all.



Downtown Las Vegas is filled with glitter and excitement.

Alexandria has historic charm



Captains Row, one of Alexandria's historic sections.

by James F. O'Neil

Headquarters, Counterintelligence (CI) Detachment, Defense Nuclear Agency, is located just south of the city of Alexandria, Va. Alexandria, affectionately known as the "Home of George Washington," is a quiet site on the south bank of the Potomac River, overlooking Washington, D.C.

Alexandria is one of the quaint historic seaport cities dotting the East Coast and, like Charleston, S.C. and Bridgeport, Conn., it has its own special charm. The city was originally settled by Scottish merchants and named after John Alexander, who owned a large amount of the city's land. During colonial days, Alexandria was a thriving port.

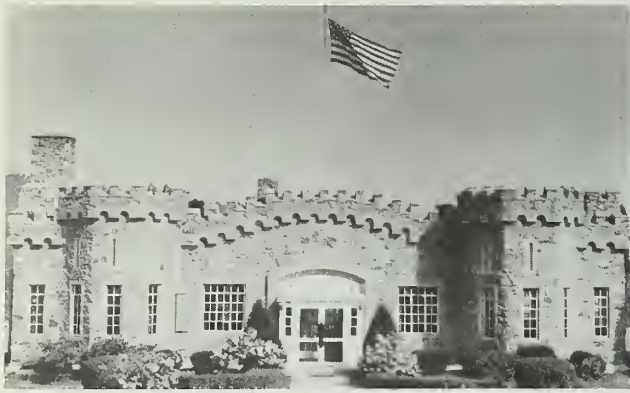
As an apprentice surveyor, George Washington helped to lay out the streets and building lots. In later years, he was a frequent visitor to Alexandria. He often came up from his Mt. Vernon plantation to visit, attend the theater, transact business and attend meetings.

Alexandria was a center of great activity during the Revolutionary War. After the war, it grew in importance as a seaport as clipper ships from around the world loaded and discharged cargo on its wharves. Wealthy merchants and sea captains built gracious homes, schools and churches. The city became a center for culture and commerce.

During the war of 1812, Alexandria was occupied by the British, and it was a Union-held town during the Civil War. Fortunately, no fighting occurred within the city and Alexandria suffered no damage from the wars. It is ironic that this Virginia city, which sat out the war as a sort of no man's land, was the hometown of the South's great leader, Robert E. Lee.

Today, Alexandria is a bustling commercial and residential city that can be as proud of its future as it is of its past.

Fort Richie: beauty and history



Post Headquarters, Fort Richie, Md. (U.S. Army Photo)

Fort Richie is near Cascade in the Catoctin Mountains of northwestern Maryland, just south of the Pennsylvania border. Surrounding two artificial lakes, it is considered one of the most beautiful Army posts in the country.

Within a 50-mile radius of the post are a variety of cultural, historic, scenic and recreational attractions. Historic spots range from the Catoctin Furnace, where cannons were cast for George Washington, to key Civil War sites (Antietam, Gettysburg and Harper's Ferry). Interesting buildings and restorations, Mason-Dixon markers, old bridges, mills and museums are scattered throughout the area.

Nearby outdoor features include the Appalachian Trail, C&O Canal, Potomac River, game farms, refuges and several state parks and forests.

Fort Knox has more than gold

For armor and cavalry units, all roads lead to Fort Knox. At any given time, the Armor Center and the Armor School are working to improve the Army's capability to defeat enemy forces using one of the most awesome weapons known to man, the tank. Currently, the new main battle tank, the XM-1, is undergoing rigid operational testing at Fort Knox prior to acceptance as the United States' answer to the opposition's numerically superior tank forces.

Though not subordinate to Fort Knox, the Treasury Department's Gold Bullion Depository is located within the confines of Fort Knox and is one of the most widely known points of interest there.

All is not work at Fort Knox!

Fort Knox offers the promise of sedate living with the opportunity to participate in the finer things of life within 30 minutes of the post. Louisville, the home of Churchill Downs, the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky bourbon and tobacco manufacturing activities is only a short drive away. There are racing meets in the spring and fall at Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum at the track is open year-round. Another Louisville trademark is the Belle of Louisville, a sternwheel boat which takes passengers on festive daily excursions on the Ohio River from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Whatever your interests, you are sure to find them within a short drive of Fort Knox. North of Louisville, you can visit Abraham Lincoln's birthplace at Hodgenville and Lincoln's boyhood home at Knob Creek Farm. Near Bardstown are "My Old Kentucky Home," the inspiration for Stephen Foster's ballad of that same

name, Talbott Tavern, America's oldest continuously operated inn/tavern, various bourbon distilleries and the Whiskey Museum. For nature lovers, Nolin Park/Lake, known as a fisherman's paradise, is perfect for all water sports.

Spelunkers can find breathtaking cave exploration at Mammoth Cave National Park. Below the 51,000 acres of parkland is one of the world's seven natural wonders. There are at least 150 miles of charted cave networks on five levels plus vast areas not yet mapped.

Squire Boone Caverns, Corydon, Ind., is probably the best kept secret of cave exploration. Rivers flow through-out, producing a number of formations unique to Squire Boone Caverns. Smaller caves throughout the area also have unique formations.

So you don't like to drive.

Fort Knox offers a full variety of Recreation Services. There are craft shops, theaters, libraries, gymnasiums, bowling alleys, golf courses and swimming pools. Post exchange and commissary facilities are some of the best to be found anywhere.

The Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor, located on Fort Knox, was established to preserve historical materials relating to cavalry and armor.

Another point of interest, the world famous Cavalry Store, is located just off-post in Radcliff. If you can't find it anywhere else, you can find it at the Cav Store.

If you should find yourself with assignment orders to Fort Knox, you can be assured of an exciting, rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Selfridge combines old and new



The Renaissance Center, symbol of the new Detroit.

by Capt. Michael J. Rizzo

Residents of southeastern Michigan have recently been seeing a tee shirt with the following question emblazoned across the front: "Where the hell is Selfridge?" The more curious who give a backward glance are treated to an answer of sorts on the back of the shirt, "Who the hell cares?" We all know that it's improper to answer a question with a question, so a more proper answer would be that Selfridge, an Air National Guard Base, is located approximately 25 miles northeast of metropolitan Detroit. Who the hell cares? The 902nd MI Group, since Selfridge is the home of one of the group's Resident Offices. Tasked with providing operations security support to the Army's tank-automotive community in the Detroit area, including the XM-1, the Army's main battle tank of the 1980s, the Selfridge Resident Office represents a challenging and dynamic assignment for the military intelligence professional.

Living in the Selfridge area provides all the advantages of big city life with few of the disadvantages. The area surrounding Selfridge is quiet, suburban—almost rural. The distance between the base and Detroit, while keeping the city traffic at bay, places all of the cultural, social,

historical, shopping and sporting activities of the city within easy reach.

To visit Detroit is to witness the rebirth of a city. In recent years, Detroit has risen above its former reputation to become a cultural and historic showplace symbolized by the massive Renaissance Center Complex on the banks of the Detroit River. Detroit's history has been preserved in such places as Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum. In the summer months, the city erupts in festivity as Detroit celebrates its varied heritage with more than 25 ethnic festivals, each dedicated to providing an understanding of and appreciation for the various cultures that gave birth to the city.

In contrast, the suburbs are a sportsman's paradise. The Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair and hundreds of smaller inland lakes provide extensive fishing and water sports opportunities. Hunting, camping, golf—you name it, it's available. The active sportsman will find a year-round challenge. The spectator sportsman will also find ample gratification at the nearby Pontiac Silverdome, home of the Detroit Lions, the Detroit Pistons and Detroit's professional soccer team, the Express.

Selfridge, it's a unique assignment, both professionally and personally.



The old and new Detroit: the Renaissance Center and the century-old Mariner's Church.

Agents enjoy many facets Of Fort Hood tour

To read the Army Times or Federal Times (to name but two) one might conclude that Fort Hood is without question the only hole above ground. Certainly any self-respecting special agent would stay as far away as possible! What's there but a couple of divisions? And INSCOM doesn't support divisions anyway! Fort Hood, when compared to such lucrative assignments as the D.C. area, Presidio of San Francisco, or other offices conveniently located in the vicinity of large metropolitan areas, is definitely lacking. For instance, Fort Hood does not have the blessing of traffic congestion and distant housing locations which require one to drive for 60 minutes to get to work. This misfortune forces all of us to arrive at work on time and get back home while the kids are still up. Unfortunately, Fort Hood receives very little snowfall so the schools are not closed by "snow days," and the children have to attend through the entire winter. And on the coldest day, the disgusting car turns over like it's supposed to. Even worse, housing and utilities are so inexpensive that you are left with too much money at the end of the month. This definitely causes severe headaches for the enterprising agent who must continually develop new

methods for keeping himself in debt—like eating out at nice restaurants, or shopping in nearby Temple, Waco, or Austin. Other misfortunes, like more than 250 recreational facilities, including two man-made reservoirs for fishing, boating, and water skiing, and an accredited college adjacent to the post, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in technical fields, would only further persuade you that Fort Hood is truly the hole the media says it is. So, why do the INSCOMers who are at the Fort Hood Resident Office stay? It's the work! Nowhere in CONUS is there as much work, CFIs, SPOTERPS, SAEDAs, MI Applicant Interviews, KAWOLs and more. TCATA (TRADOC Combined Arms Test Activity) is testing the XM-1 and other projects destined for the battlefield of the 1980s and 1990s. The liaison required by a 93,000 square mile AOR offers a lot of day trips and TDY. Plainly stated, we at the Fort Hood Resident Office enjoy work, and there's plenty here. Of course, we recognize that this fact may tend to repel some, but to those who have a little spunk in them, we offer you a hearty welcome to the Fort Hood Resident Office.

Signalman's odyssey concludes

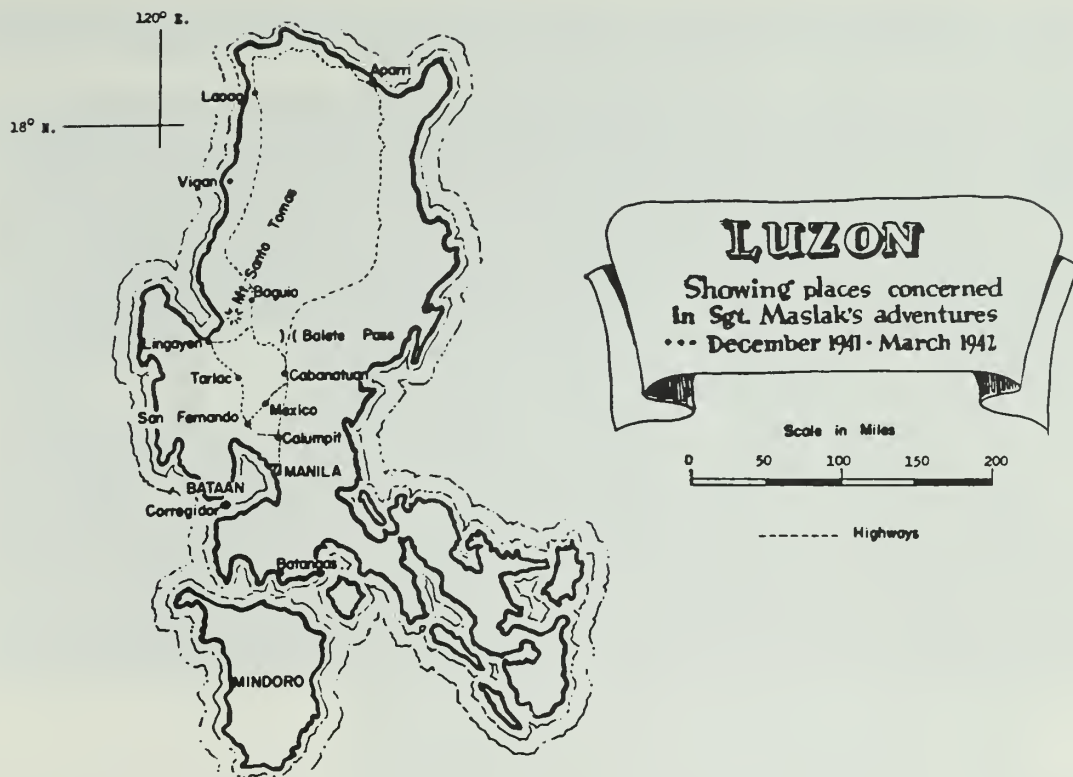
Sailing away, except for backtracking, "Buckwheat's" prow was pointing, or trying to point, south by a little east. We were aiming to pass just east of Morotai and Halmahera, hoping to sail between the latter island and Waigeo, the sizeable island off the northwest tip of New Guinea.

Twice, we encountered Japanese ships. We Americans hit the deck, leaving only Max, Sperry and Trench in sight as apparent fishermen. Left gratefully unmolested, we couldn't help wondering whether or not the Japanese thought it strange to see such a vessel so far out to sea—a banca was built for sailing only within sight of land. The first incident occurred 10 days and about 400 miles out when a large camouflaged and well-armed Japanese merchant ship crossed our port bow a half-mile

away. Two weeks later, an even closer call brought our hearts into our throats. A smaller Japanese freighter slowly crawled past our boat—less than a quarter-mile across the water. Luckily, it was near dusk so perhaps they didn't see us. We certainly didn't hanker to have our adventure cut short at this stage.

A number of times, Biss, always alert for moving objects—even to scampering up the mast to his imaginary crow's nest—thought he spied submarine periscopes in the distance. Closer observation always revealed they were only driftwood. Biss, a camera fiend in pre-war days, often remarked how he wished he had a camera, especially a movie camera. He figured he could make a million dollars from shots of Mindanao and "Buckwheat."

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Signalman's odyssey, cont'd.

Land Ho!

On the morning of July 8, Kapp yelled through the mist:

"LAND AHEAD! LAND AHEAD!"

We threatened him with all kinds of punishment for this ill-timed joke, but he persisted and pointed to a small, hazy, grayish cone jutting out of the water in the distance.

"Hooray! This is land! What is it? Where are we?"

What if it turned out to be Australia? Everyone was elated. Land at last!

The next afternoon, we saw the same cone. But this time, we saw its base and even a large expanse of foothills to the side. It stayed with us all day. Next morning, we estimated the constantly growing mass of land was about 60 miles away. By nightfall, it was easy to distinguish the golden sand of palm-lined shore. The tropical sea was now bluer, leading us to expect that we'd be sailing right into some crystal-clear lagoon. The main question in our minds was: Had we made a good or a bad landfall?

I took the tiller from Lindahl at 9

p.m. The rain had ended, but the night was pitch dark. The entire crew, exhausted, stretched out wherever they could and went to sleep. Near midnight, wild cries of jungle birds and shrieks of monkeys indicated we were very near land, so I eased up on the sails and drifted toward shore on a dying breeze. I couldn't see a thing. But soon the lapping waves told me that shore was only a few yards away. I hove to, letting go and getting away the anchor for the first time since we started.

By Biss's watch, it was exactly midnight July 10. One month from Mindanao. Land at last! But where we were we didn't know. We'd have to wait for morning and sunrise. Now it was sleep and rest.

Editor's Note: The disappointed sailors soon learned that they were not in Australia but in New Guinea, not far from Sansapor, to which they went the next morning for supplies.

They spent five weeks on a tiny island owned by a Chinese, which was situated between Waigeo and the southernmost tip of Halmahera. The Oriental let them repair their boat and await favorable monsoon winds; a native missionary sent them kava, sago and bananas.

This manuscript was never finished; Maslak and crew were captured Sept. 24, 1942, on the same unnamed island, which they called Little Pam. They were taken to a prison camp at Amboina, N.E.I., where Maslak spent the next three years until he was freed. From there, he made his way back to Luzon, arriving Sept. 12, 1945. He then returned to the U.S. and was discharged from the Army.

Rhen was killed while fighting among guerrillas in the Philippines. Gill was commissioned as a second lieutenant with the guerrilla forces with whom he had been fighting. He returned to this country in July 1944, four months after being evacuated from Mindanao to Australia. When last heard from (1946), Gill was a civilian, in Thorne, Nev. Kapp and Stein died while in prison with Maslak. Nothing is known of the fate of Biss or Lindahl.

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"MGWB jams on stage. (U.S. Army Photo)"

FSA celebrates Black history



Samms Gillard recites poetry. (U.S. Army Photo)

FSA Commander Col. James Hunt (left) picks the right card from 2nd Ops Bn. magician, known as the "Wiz." (U.S. Army Photo)



Joseph Saddler, Ken Polk, Frank Patterson and Slim Dixon are backed up by MGWB. (U.S. Army Photo)

'Old Guys' come through

by Mary R. Ker

The "Old Guys" at Arlington Hall Station managed to pull out a close tournament victory recently, beating the Automated Systems Activity team in overtime 60 to 55 in basketball. ASA, however, did take first place in intramural play for the season.

Player/coach John Prokopowicz, secretary to the general staff at AHS, noted that the team has no one high in the individual scoring statistics, an indication of the "Old Guys' " balance and teamwork. He added that it was not true that every member had to have a birth certificate dated earlier than 1948, but that the team's results were based on experience, and hard work and proved the adage, "you're only as old as you feel."

High scorer for the season was Mike Peranio and most valuable player for the season was Ronald Walker. Neither of these men were on the first place or tournament winning teams.

On the men's post team, Yvon Mackey was the high scorer and Ronnie Johnson was the MVP. Johnson said that he really enjoyed the season and is looking forward to next year.

Mary Marsh, an MP for AHS, was the high scorer for the women's post team and ITAC's Mary Costa was voted the team's most valuable player. Judy Kutsher from the Equal Employment Opportunity office, manager/player for the team, said that both contributed a lot to the team on and off the court. Kutsher also added that it was the team's best season. They placed third in the league, playing among others Fort Meyer's, league champions and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center team.

Trophies and congratulations were awarded to all the victors and all look forward to next year's season.



The "Old Guys," intramural champions for Arlington Hall Station. From left to right (bottom), Capt. Gregg Rixon, Maj. Bill Grimmert, Mr. Chip Lozinak, (top) Col. Joseph Howard, post commander, (Howard presented the awards to the champs.) Lt. Col. Bassett, Maj. Dave Kons. Lt. Col. John Prokopowicz, Maj. Ron Sturdivant. Not present were Capt. "Marty" Martin, Capt. Tim Campen, and Maj. Keelin. (U.S. Army Photo)

Four from San Antonio go All-Army

It is unusual for a battalion-size unit to be represented by soldier-athletes on All-Army teams. To be represented by two athletes at such a high level of competition is indeed rare. But to have four athletes selected for All-Army teams is phenomenal! Field Station San Antonio has four women athletes, in three sports, selected for participation in All-Army athletics.

Cheryl Faimon, a Morse intercept operator at Alamo Station, is a repeat performer on the Women's All-Army Track and Field team. Last year she won three medals at the interservice championship meet. Her medals, two golds and one bronze, led the Army to victory in the hotly-contested meet. She struck gold in the discus with a throw of 115 feet, 5 inches and in the 400-meter relay.

Faimon's bronze came in the shot put.

After a standout career at Blue Hills High School in Nebraska, she was offered several track and field scholarships. Instead, she chose to enter the Army. "I wanted to travel, and I was just not ready for college at the time," states Faimon. The twenty-one year old sergeant is still five to seven years from her supposed peak. Sports studies have shown that most women athletes hit their prime between twenty-five and twenty-eight years of age.

Pick-up games after school or work, shooting baskets for recreation on burning, open-air concrete courts, or playing for the company team is basketball for many

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Trick IV dominates Torii Courts

From the first tip of the season to the final shot of the postseason tourney, Trick IV from Operations Company dominated the basketball court at Torii Station. Trick IV finished the regular basketball season with an 18-0 record and then went on to win the Torii Invitational Intramural Basketball Playoffs.

Although their record doesn't show it, Trick IV faced some tough competition and near upsets along the road to victory and two championship trophies.

During the regular season, three other teams were hot on the heels of the championship team. They were Trick III, H&S Company and Company D of the Marine Support Battalion. These teams finished the season second, third and fourth, respectively.

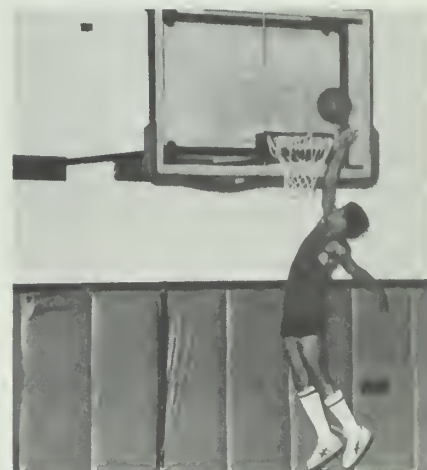
At the end of the regular season, Robert Brown of Trick IV was recognized as the most valuable player.

During the playoffs, the competition became fierce as each team sought to knock off Trick IV for the championship honors. Trick III almost did that. The two teams clashed in the 11th game of the playoff. It was a close game all the way with Trick III and Trick IV trading the lead back and forth. With two seconds to go, Trick III was down 35-36. However, Joseph Watson came through with a 40-foot shot to give Trick III the victory, 37-36.

It was the first and only loss sustained by Trick IV all year.

For the championship, Trick III and Trick IV met again. It was another fiercely fought contest. Trick IV barely pulled it off. They defeat-

ed Trick III 43-40. In spite of the loss, Joseph Watson from Trick III was selected as the most valuable player for the playoffs because of his outstanding performance throughout the competition.



Curtis Marrow of Trick IV puts the ball up for an easy two points after out running his opponents from Trick III. (U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 4 Bobby Mathis)

All Army, cont'd.

soldiers. Ambition quits after the company's last game, and last beer call—until softball season. For Marlene Dameron, company-level basketball was just the beginning. The Air Force hosts Field Station San Antonio, so after company athletics one can try out for the "zoomie" team. Dameron did just that, not only making the team, but leading it in scoring and assists. In post-season tournament play, her performance was so outstanding that she was offered a spot on both the All-Air Force and All-Army teams. Needless to say, the Army won out! Dameron competed in both the interservice and national AAU tournaments. She was approached by scouts from the new women's professional basketball league. Though offered a chance to turn pro upon ETS, she has decided to stay in the Army. Dameron plans to continue excelling at All-Army basketball—not bad for an O5H.

The All-Army Women's Volleyball team might have two members from Field Station San Antonio. Marcia Moore and Marci Borchelt are trying out for the All-Army squad after stellar performances with the Kelly Air Force Base volleyball team. They recently participated in the Air Force divisional playoffs at Del Rio, Texas. Moore was so impressive that the Air Force tried to persuade her to play for the All-Air Force team. She chose instead to represent the Army in the upcoming interservice competitions at Treasure Island, Calif. The All-Army volleyball squads are training at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Field Station San Antonio is indeed proud of its four dedicated and talented soldier-athletes.

Cummings to try For All-Army

Horace "Slim" Cummings, personnel clerk for Headquarters and Service Company, Field Station Berlin, has been selected to go to the All-Army Basketball Team tryouts in Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Cummings, a native of Georgia, played college ball for Payne College. The 6-foot-7-inch player joined the Army in June 1975 and has played in two FORSCOM basketball tournaments, in 1976 at Fort Meade, Md., and in 1977 at Fort Bragg, N.C. At the time he was stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.

Cummings has also received offers to play in the pro's from the Boston Celtics, Philadelphia 76ers, Phoenix Suns and Washington Bullets.

VII Corps football Championship held

by Ken Johnson

The VII Corps football championship was held in Bamberg, Germany, December 1 and 2. Defending VII Corps champions, Service Company, edged out Stuttgart in the first game 40-38.

Quarterback Chip Portocarrero from FS Augsburg threw three touchdown passes and ran for four extra points in the contest.

Stuttgart scored first and chalked up 32 more points in the game.

Augsburg's Dwight Daniel ran for two touchdowns and caught a 20-yard pass from Portocarrero. Russ Vincent and David Witucki each caught passes for extra points. Glenn Reed was instrumental in the win by scoring a touchdown and getting 156



(U.S. Army Photo)

yards on 12 receptions.

In the deciding second game, Service Company was defeated by the 1/17th Combat Support Co. of Aschaffenburg.

The game ended in a 46-46 tie at the end of regulation play. The game was a see-saw contest with each team trading the ball as well as the lead.

On the first possession of overtime play, the 1/17th CSC scored a touchdown producing drive to end the game 52-46.

Aschaffenburg scored first, extra points were good and the score was 8-0.

Service Company scored next on a 6-yard run up the middle by Daniel. Extra points were made by Portocarrero; the score was then 8-8.

Service Company scored next on a 45-yard sideline run by Al Sanders and extra points by John Greco; the score was then 16-8.

The 1/17th CSC scored next on a series of eight plays to even the score at 16-16.

Service Company came back as Portocarrero passed for two yards to Greco; the score was then 22-16.

CSC scored twice, Leading 32-22.

Augsburg came back on an 8-yard run by Daniel and extra points by Greco to close their lead 32-30.

CSC scored again to lead 38-30.

Early in the fourth quarter, Portocarrero tied the score 38-38 with a 13-yard run and extra points.

CSC got eight more points taking the lead 46-38.

With 1:17 left in regulation play, Portocarrero threw a 48-yard pass to Wayne Taylor, and Greco tied the game 46-46 with an extra point.

CSC won 52-46 on a pass to their tight end.

Glenn Reed of Service Company snared 10 receptions in the game for 122 yards. CSC was 23-1 for the season. Service Company was 18-3 for 1979 and 38-3 for the last two years.



(U.S. Army Photo)

First Ops Tops in Many fields

by Staff Sgt. "Lloyd" Bridges

Field Station Augsburg's First Operations Battalion maintains the slogan "Tops in Ops" with a solid foundation of involvement and professionalism, on and off duty.

As a unit, 1st Ops has won three consecutive league basketball championships, currently boasting a 50-game win streak, and three consecutive league softball championships, ending the season in a second-place finish in the 700-team strong VII Corps. And 1st Ops has placed first or second in all "B" League competitions—baseball, basketball, volleyball and bowling. Added to individual triumphs in golf, racquetball and tennis, we have back-to-back awards of the annual Field Station Commander's Trophy, citing recreational activities achievements.

But 1st Ops is not all muscle and no brain. Three of the Army's best chess players reside here, and the unit always shows strong in Special Services-sponsored events—whether it's trivia, cards, cooking or getting the largest number of participants to a Volksmarch.

Soldiers? Yes, 1st Ops has won Field Station Soldier of the Quarter three of the last four times. It's also home of the Soldier of the Year, INSCOM, Europe. 1st Ops personnel strongly support off-duty education, accounting for almost 70 percent of the enrollment.

Operators and Analysts? Yes, the battalion has won 17 of the last 24 Operator or Analyst of the Month awards, presented by the Field Station Operations Office.

"Tops in Ops" . . . a good assignment, a good place to be and a good group of people to work with.

Two from FSA compete In German-American league

by De-De Rogers

German-American Football League competition kicked off last fall with 11 teams from such cities as Bremerhaven, Berlin, Frankfurt and Munich. Playing for the Munich Cowboys were Scott Turner and Chris Rogers, members of the 201st ASA Co., 502nd I&S Bn., 66th MI Group I&S (P) in Augsburg. Turner played offensive end and defensive safety while Rogers played middle linebacker.

The German league is semi-pro, plays by NCAA rules and allows Americans to play on the team. However, no more than five Americans may be on the field at any given time, report Turner and Rogers.

This year's season ran just like the American football season. But 1980 will see some changes—among which will be the addition of 11 more teams to the league and, possibly, one in the Augsburg area. The league also will have two seasons—one spring and one fall—much the same as the soccer season.

Rogers and Turner already hold a record from their first game against Bremerhaven—by teaming up on a play which resulted in the Cowboy's very first touchdown. And Turner was responsible for the winning TD

of that game.

Other members of the 66th MI Group who played in the German league were: Robert Talbot, Damon Strubble, Joseph Scott, Joseph Kemp and Edward Bensen.

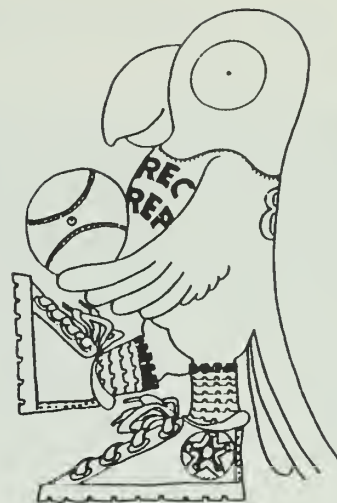
Getting on a German team was not all that easy, according to Turner and Rogers. First, you need to know someone on the team. On making the squad, you practice daily in Munich—after duty hours.

Another drawback in playing semi-pro is your ineligibility to play unit sports.

Football league insurance does cover injuries.

Rogers and Turner said the Germans are taking to the game. In fact they report that the games have “fantastic” attendance and news coverage—and some games have been broadcast on German TV. Also, the team has one more American touch—cheerleaders.

Editor's Note: For those thinking about turning semi-pro, remember participation must not affect duty hours and assignments. Also, you must get the unit commander's approval for any outside employment. See the local JAG about writing a military duty supremacy clause into your contract. For more information, read AR 600-50, para 2-6.



FSA keeps Running

Field Station Augsburg runners were challenged recently to an 8-kilometer run in the Wellenburger Wald by the 17th Field Artillery Brigade.

Using a point system (one point for first place, all the way to 47 points for last place), FSA joggers managed to deflate the 17th's hopes 410-417.

The slim victory may or may not lead to a future challenge—resulting in still more coordinating, setting-up and all-around wizardry for FSA's Charles Epperson, the man behind the scenes at the challenge run-off.

FSA's Chris Bogart took first place with 28:41 (minutes/mile was 5:44.2), while Ramsey came in second with 29:30 (5:54.0). Other INSCOM winners were: Payne (3rd); Plomteaux (4th); Anderson (7th); Williams (11th); James (12th); Moody (14th); Lamberton (15th); Barton (19th); Shafer (20th); Johnson (24th); Beckworth (25th); Peterson (27th); McCaskill (31st); Garner (35th); Mack (37th); Mikolaitis (40th); Sassman (41st); Afarian (43rd); Lloyd (44th) and Perry (47th).



Scott Turner, number 39 and Chris Rogers after a win against the Berlin Bears that was held in Berlin. (Photo by Spec. 4 Robert A. Wood)

11th MI Bn. Redesignated

February 29th was an important day in the history of the 11th Military Intelligence Company (TI). On that day the only active duty technical intelligence unit in the Army was redesignated as the 11th Military Intelligence Battalion (TI) (Prov). Immediately following redesignation of the unit, a change of command was conducted and Maj. (P) James A. Bartlette assumed command of the unit. Col. Albert F. P. Jones, commander of the Intelligence Threat Analysis Center (ITAC), was on site at Aberdeen Proving Ground to pass the guidon.

Bartlette came to the 11th MI Battalion from Washington, D.C., where he served successive tours of duty with the Office of The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence and as assignments officer with the Majors Division OPMD, MILPERCEN. He brings both tactical and strategic experience to the 11th MI, having served previous tours in Germany, Vietnam and various CONUS installations. Upon relinquishing command, Lt. Col. Dwight W. Galda boarded a plane for Ansbach, Germany, to assume command of the 501st CEWI Battalion.



Col. Albert F. P. Jones (right) passes the guidon to Maj. (P) James A. Bartlette. (U.S. Army Photo)



Two members of INSCOM's 11th MI Battalion prepare for their "No Slack" PT test. (U.S. Army Photo)

PT is 'No Slack' For 11th MI

The 11th Military Intelligence Battalion (TI) (Prov) conducts a comprehensive physical training program which includes a monthly four-mile run, a demanding quarterly physical fitness test, and annual requirements for running 1½ miles in full gear and one mile in protective masks. The quarterly "no slack" physical fitness test consists of three events—pull-ups (modified pushups for women), situps, and a three-mile run. Each event has a maximum of 100 points, and to earn those points a soldier must do 20 pullups (42 modified pushups), 80 situps in two minutes, and run three miles in 18 minutes (21 minutes for women).

Until recently, 1st. Lt. David

Manki, a mere youngster at 27, was the only unit member to have scored three hundred points. While requirements are adjusted downward for older soldiers, two senior non-commissioned officers have required no assistance in equaling Manki's standards. Sgt. 1st. Class Dean Berry, 34, has earned distinction as the oldest unit member to max all three portions of the test. Additionally Master Sgt. John Benkert, 39, recently set a unit record in the three mile run with a time of 17 minutes, 28 seconds. These two NCO's have certainly provided younger soldiers with a goal to shoot for and exemplify the senior NCO's response to the "no slack" challenge.

Four FSA soldiers receive top honors

Four soldiers from Field Station Augsburg received prestigious awards during the March 21 graduation ceremonies for the Primary Leadership Course at Bad Toelz.

Spec. 4 Lewis W. James, First Operations Battalion, distinguished graduate, received the Commander in Chief, USAREUR and 7th Army Award and the General George S. Patton Award for Excellence; Sgt. Zachary J. Shultz, First Operations Battalion, was honor graduate; Sgt. Richard J. Richwine, Third Operations Battalion, was the winner of the General Douglas MacArthur Award for Distinguished Leadership; (Richwine also went on to garner the Association of the United States Army Award) and Spec. 4 Gloria A. Bitter, Fifth Signal Command, U.S. Army Communications Command Activity, INSCOM-Augsburg, received the General Bruce C. Clark Award for the Commandant's Inspection.

The purpose of the Primary Leadership Course is to train combat support and combat service support personnel in the skills and attitudes necessary to serve in positions in which they directly supervise subordinates in the performance of mission or job-related duties.



Spec. 4 Lewis W. James (right) is congratulated by Command Sgt. Maj. James Sanders after being named distinguished graduate. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Jan Bowman)

470th MI Group plans carnival

by Oleta B. Tinnin

The 470th Dependent Youth Activities Carnival Coordinator, Capt. Jimmy D. Grayham, along with the total 470th Military Intelligence Group, is mobilizing for maximum participation in the 1980 Pacific carnival—theme: A Latin Holiday. Once again, the 470th MI Group, Fort Clayton, Panama, will sponsor the Goofy Ball Booth, a large-scale producer of both fun and funds.

In addition, this year the 470th is

sponsoring a queen candidate, Denise Streeter, 16, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Robert E. Streeter. This means meeting an assigned sponsor fund raising goal in addition to the annual goals for Goofy Ball Booth proceeds and pre-carnival ticket book sales.

In past years, a combination of hard work and hilarity, good business and bonhomie have produced a winning 470th team. We look forward to another successful venture in 1980.



Queen candidate Denise Streeter. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Charles A. Duckett)

MPs celebrate police week

Arlington Hall Station's Military Police celebrated National Police Week with the opening of their newly remodeled station May 14. INSCOM Commander, Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya dedicated the modernized station by unlocking the handcuffs that held the ribbon across the entrance.

During the open house which followed, visitors could have their car's speedometer checked for accuracy or their valuables engraved for protection.

Exhibits and demonstrations were another highlight of the day's activities. Visitors saw displays of illicit drugs, alcohol detection equipment and explosive disposal equipment. The Pentagon Counterintelligence Force and the Arlington County Police also demonstrated different ways to protect your home and property against crime.



INSCOM Commander, Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya, opens the newly remodeled MP station as post commander, Col. Joseph Howard looks on. (U.S. Army photo)

INSCOM Benefit Association

The United States Army Intelligence and Security Command Benefit Association (USAINSCOMBA) is a voluntary fraternalistic private association. The purpose of USAINSCOMBA is to provide limited, specific financial assistance to dependents and specific next-of-kin of all military and civilian personnel assigned to INSCOM. Benefits to dependents and specific next-of-kin include a one-time grant of \$500.00 on the death of a member and educational grants of not more than \$1,000.00 annually for eligible children while attending an accredited institution of higher

learning above the high school level (maximum of \$4,000.00).

Funds for operation of the INSCOMBA are obtained from voluntary contributions, donations and income and realized capital appreciation from investment and reinvestment of funds.

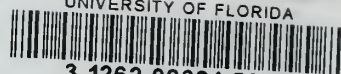
The current balance sheet status of INSCOMBA as of Nov. 30, 1979 is:

ASSETS: \$507,251.67
NET WORTH: 507,251.67
ENCUMBERED: 325,359.00
(Education benefits to be paid)
UNENCUMBERED: 181,892.67

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
NOW BEING PAID: 16 students
in 1979/1980
DEATH GRANTS, FY 79: Five
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